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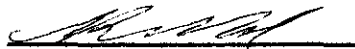
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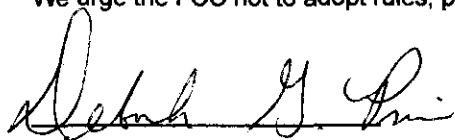
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- (1) Require that main studios be physically located in a station's community of license.

This would shut down my operation. After nearly 20 years, I have paid for the building from which I operate both stations WJDT and WBGQ. In this present economy, there is no way that I could afford two different buildings in two new locations. Add to that additional staff plus new STL licenses if even available plus double office expense and double utility costs. This move would probably shut down most small market stations which are now struggling just to survive.

- (2) Eliminate unattended operation of broadcast stations.

For small market stations like mine, this would probably eliminate night time operations. For my operation with co-located studios in the same building, I can react immediately to any emergency situation and immediately broadcast on both stations. I live two miles from my studios and can be in the studio in less than 5 minutes from my home. If this becomes a rule, then I suspect most small market stations would have to suspend night time operations. How would this serve the public interest?

It seems almost like this is an organized attempt to penalize radio stations who are already suffering from a poor economy amid rising operating costs.

I hope you will consider the downside of these and some other proposals that will place such a burden on small market stations that many may have to sell or cease operations. Please give this long and careful consideration.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sirs;

I respectfully submit my qualifications in this matter as having served a lifelong career of 39 years as a broadcast station duty operator, Chief Operator and technical consultant for a diverse variety of U.S. radio broadcast stations. Additionally, for the past twenty-three years and to the present time, I function as the FCC-appointed co-chairman for the East-Central Wisconsin area Emergency Alert System.

During my tenure as a *FCC-licensed* duty operator/announcer between 1969 and 1979, I directly experienced several occasions and circumstances whereby the initial incoming source of vital news or emergency information for broadcast was supplied by the listening public, who called in via telephone. The combination of the on-premises station operator making initial relevant transmissions, as well as his then summoning additional station personnel when necessary resulted in a prompt, critical service to the Community of License.

Today, I believe it to be unsatisfactory that a growing majority of radio broadcast stations have either minimal or no real-time contact with their Community of License – no answered telephone, and occasionally, locked doors and a vacated, robotically-programmed station even during business hours.

As a supporter of new technologies as is exemplary of the EAS, I have observed that this system seems satisfactory, but for only a limited scope of emergency information dissemination. Furthermore, I have seen evidence that this system of unattended "black boxes" has a notable rate of failure, both on a technical level and also due to the fact that in many cases, the EAS message originator consists of a non-broadcast agency which, due in part to its non-broadcast background and apparent higher-priority obligations to other parties, has resulted in erroneous messages or no action at all. In my region, some of these agencies even fail at times to transmit a scheduled EAS Required Monthly Test.

It accordingly is my firm view that on the merits of emergency alerting reliability alone, I **fully support the Commission in advancing with Rulemaking, specifically requiring Duty Operators during all hours of station operation under MB Docket 04-233.**

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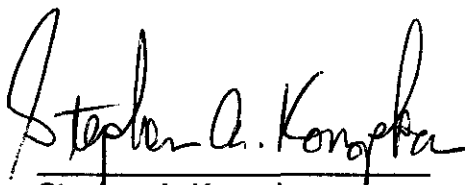
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A number of licensees responding to MB Docket 04-233 cite potential hardship in the event they are required to upgrade their level of local community contact. This appears to contrast the fact that in my region, a significant number of smaller rural stations have continued through the years to maintain dedicated, community-oriented operation while apparently remaining financially viable.

Respectfully Submitted,



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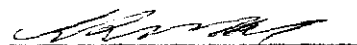
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